(ब) और (ड) अप्रैल—फरवरी, 1992-93 के दौरान व्यापार घाटा 3504.42 मिलियन अमरीकी डालर होने का अनुमान है। यह व्यापार घाटा अप्रैल—फरवरी, 1991-92 के दौरान हुए 1637.63 मिलियन अमरीकी डालर होने का अनुमान अधिक है किन्तु अप्रैल—फरवरी, 1991-92 के दौरान हुए 1637.63 मिलियन अमरीकी डालर के व्यापार घाटे से कम है। अप्रैल—मार्च, 1992-93 के लिए व्यापार आंकड़े अभी उपलब्ध नहीं हो सके हैं।

(च) अप्रैल—दिसम्बर, 1992-93 वह नवीनतम अवधि है जिसके लिए कच्चे माल तथा तैयार उत्पादों के आयात के आंकड़े उपलब्ध हैं तथा यह आंकड़े क्रमशः 8047.54 मिलियन तथा 8582.92 मिलियन अमरीकी डालर हैं। प्रतिशतता के रूप में कुल आयातों में कच्चे माल का भाग 48.4% तथा तैयार उत्पादों का 51.6% बैठता है।

Problems over Intellectual Property Rights

28. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India is regarded by the U.S. Government as one of the countries with which the U.S.A. has problems over the protection of Intellectual Property Rights;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Central Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) :

(a) to (c) The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) released its annual report on Foreign Trade Barriers on 31st March, 1993. The chapter on India allege; inter alia that India's intellectual property protection particularly on patents is weak, specifically with respect to non-availability of product patent protection in the areas of food, chemicals and pharmaceuticals; inadequate term of protection; and stringent compulsory licensing provisions.

Intellectual property rights issues are being negotiated in the Uruguay Round. Government have communicated to the U.S. that the Uruguay Round negotiations provide the best mechanism for resolving these issues.

Supply to Diesel to Fishing Industry by MPEDA

29. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether MPEDA is operating a scheme to supply diesel oil to fishing industry on subsidised cost in Vishakhapatnam;

(b) if so, the details of this scheme;

(c) what are the names of companies which have availed of this scheme in 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(d) the extent of funds released so far;

(e) whether it is a fact that the industry has expressed dissatisfaction at the scheme; and

(f) what steps are being taken to streamline this scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) MPEDA is operating a scheme to reimburse a part of the cost of diesel oil consumed by deep sea fishing vessels whose catches are exported by the owner of the vessel. The salient features of the scheme are as follows :—

1. The Scheme aims at reimbursing a part of the cost of HSD consumed by deep sea fishing vessel so as to make the effective price comparable to international price and thereby increase the capacity of Indian deep sea vessel operators to complete with its counterparts abroad in international markets.